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TO: Interested Parties -- "Commercial Availability" Reviews

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SUBJECT: New Commercial Availability (Formerly "Short Supply") Review on
Apparel of Certain Printed, 100-Percent Rayon Fabric, Investigation No.
332-450-008

The U.S. International Trade Commission has commenced a review to provide advice in connection with a petition filed under the "commercial availability" provisions of the United States-Caribbean Basin Trade Act (CBTPA) on apparel of certain printed, 100-percent rayon, herringbone fabric. The subject fabric, classified in subheading 5516.14.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, is of 220 g/m² fabric weight, of 20's singles spun rayon yarn, and of 100 x 64 construction.

This review is being conducted under the Commission's investigation for all such requests during 2003, investigation No. 332-450, *Commercial Availability of Apparel Inputs (2003): Effect of Providing Preferential Treatment to Apparel Imported from Sub-Saharan African, Caribbean Basin, and Andean Countries*, which was requested by the United States Trade Representative (USTR).

The Commission's review concerns a petition received by the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) on November 13, 2003, from Alarmex Holdings Group, Inc, New York, NY, alleging that the subject fabric cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. The Commission will provide advice to the USTR concerning the probable economic effect on affected segments of the U.S. textile and apparel industries, workers in these industries, and consumers of granting duty-free and quota-free treatment to apparel made in eligible CBTPA countries from the subject fabric should CITA determine that the fabric cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. The Commission will submit its advice to the USTR in a classified report by December 26, 2003, and issue a public version of the report soon thereafter.

The Commission invites interested parties to submit written statements (original and 3 copies) concerning issues to be addressed by the Commission in this review, by December 3, 2003. Information on procedures for submitting written statements can be found in the Commission's notice of investigation published in the *Federal Register* of February 4, 2003 (68 F.R. 5651) and posted on its website at <http://www.usitc.gov/invfrn.htm#332>.

Further information on this review can be obtained from Laura V. Rodriguez (202-205-3499; lrodriguez@usitc.gov). Information on the Commission's commercial availability investigation can be obtained from its Program Manager (see above) and from its website at <http://www.usitc.gov/332s/shortsup/shortsupintro.htm>. Information on commercial availability requests is also available from the U.S. Department of Commerce, which chairs CITA, on the website of its Office of Textiles and Apparel (OTEXA) at (http://otexa.ita.doc.gov/Commercial_Availability.htm).